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Sir:

AMENDMENT

This paper is offered as a reply to the Office Action dated February 9, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 23 as follows:

- 2. (Amended) A peptidic or non peptidic inhibitor molecule that is able to alter and/or prevent the interaction between a receptor located on the surface of an HIV infected cell and a gp120 envelope glycoprotein of said HIV, wherein the inhibitor is not nuclear nucleolin.
- 4. (Amended) An inhibitor molecule that is homologous to the inhibitor molecule of claim 3, wherein said inhibitor molecule comprises a peptide or

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